

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen



Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2013
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: McCourt Social Hall, Memorial Town Hall, Spencer, MA
Present: Vice Chair Woodbury, Clerk Stevens, Members Berthiaume & Fritze, and Town Administrator Gaudette. Chairman Pepe was absent.

At 6:04 p.m. Vice Chair Woodbury called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Update: Vicious dog Bylaw Compliance – Robert Norris & Jamie Martel

Mr. Norris stated that all items as required have been addressed with the exception of the insurance policy and printed photos. He is not sure when the insurance policy will be issued since the home is owned by a relative. Mr. Woodbury advised Mr. Norris that if the liability insurance policy is not obtained by February 11th, a decision regarding the dogs will have to be made.

Discussion regarding an appeal of the “Vicious Dog” designation ensued. Mr. Norris said he will go to the Chief of Police and Animal Control to discuss further; in the meantime he must remain in compliance.

The discussion will be continued to the February 11th meeting. A decision will be made at that time.

Main Street TIP Project – Steve Tyler U & F Superintendent

Mr. Tyler discussed ideas for future Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP)

- Charlton Road was on the list, however it was determined to be too big to fund at an estimated \$8 to \$10 million to bring up to State standards
- Main Street section is on the list at the value of \$4.5 million
- Intersection of Meadow Road at Route 9 by Flexcon and frontage by Big Y, this is a key intersection for an emergency evacuation plan
- Meadow Road. being a 1 mile road is likely to get funded
- Current policies of State DOT is to focus on the GreenDOT Implementation Plan which concentrates on providing communities with more and healthier travel options

Mr. Tyler believes by working towards alternate modes of transportation, including sidewalks, Spencer will be ahead of the wave of the future. The Board thanked him for his time and effort. A public meeting will be held in April, prior to preparing an updated TIP list to CMRPC.

Mr. Berthiaume noted he and Representative Durant went to Howe Village and discussed the Governor’s plan to regionalize the Massachusetts Housing Authority. He is not in favor of this proposal and would like to send a letter to the State to allow the Housing Authority to remain as it is.

A motion to send a letter to the State to allow the Housing Authority to remain as it is (Fritze / Berthiaume) passed 4/0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Savoie
Administrative Assistant